House Resolution No. 419

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, James Biederman has distinguished himself as the Chief of the Ballwin Police Department since 1996; and

Whereas, Chief Biederman recently enhanced his already impressive record of accomplishments when he was named as the Donald "Red" Loehr Outstanding Police Chief of the Year by the Missouri Police Chief Association; and

Whereas, nominated for the Outstanding Police Chief of the Year award by Ballwin Mayor Robert Jones, Chief Biederman was selected for that honor in light of his extraordinary service during the past year and his record of performance that exemplifies a high standard of dedication and service to his community, department, and profession; and

Whereas, active in numerous law enforcement organizations, Chief Biederman is past president of Law Enforcement Officials of Saint Louis County, a member of the FBI National Academy Associates and its advisory committee, the treasurer of the Saint Louis Area Police Chiefs Association, chairman of the Code 1000 and the Police Memorial Prayer Breakfast Committee, a board member of the Crusade Against Crime Medal of Valor Committee, and a member of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association and its Legislative Committee and Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee; and

Whereas, Chief Biederman received the Missouri Police Chiefs Association Medal of Valor after being wounded in the line of duty on June 24, 1987, while pursuing an armed assailant; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Chief of the Ballwin Police Department, James Biederman has been known for implementing a number of community-related programs:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of James Biederman as Outstanding Police Chief of the Year by the Missouri Police Chief organization and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for many more years of personal and professional success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of James Biederman of Ballwin, Missouri.

Offered by
Representative Neal St. Onge
District No. 88
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 419, adopted February 9, 2005.